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MOUNTING SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

A¹ Sub C. 38. (New) A decorative insert for use with a picket fence and rail mounting system, comprising:

a mounting portion configured to slidably engage a slot of a rail; and
a decorative portion configured to provide an aesthetic design.

39. (New) The insert of Claim 38, wherein

the mounting portion comprises a substantially rectangular parallelepiped having
at least one groove on each of two opposite faces.

40. (New) The insert of Claim 39, wherein

the mounting portion comprises at least a pair of grooves on each of two opposite
faces.

41. (New) The insert of Claim 38, wherein

the decorative portion comprises a ring.